



Health Information and Illness Reporting related to the Eradication of Light Brown Apple Moth

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What are Pheromones?

- Lepidopteran pheromones – insect “perfumes” to attract mates (males)
- Considered to be a preferable alternative to traditional pesticides (e.g., organophosphates and carbamates)
 - Less toxic
 - More specific
 - Less amount used
 - Do not harm the target species, LBAM



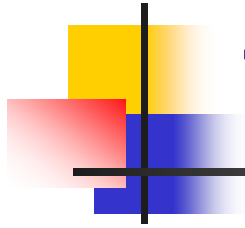
Toxicity of Lepidopteran Pheromones

- Members have similar toxicological properties
 - Low acute toxicity through oral, dermal, and inhalation routes
 - Readily metabolized by the mammalian liver
- Due to the low acute toxicity, chemical structure, and low exposure, US EPA waived chronic toxicity study requirements



Application Methods

- Twist tie (Isomate LBAM Plus)
- Aerial spray



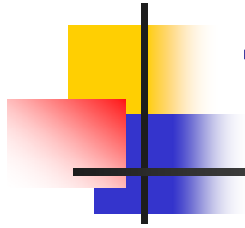
Twist Tie

- A 20 cm (8 inches) long plastic tube
 - Pheromone (98% wt.)
- Contains 0.17 g (or 170 mg) pheromone released over 200 days
- Low release rate



Twist Tie

- Hung on tree branches
 - Approximately 8' from the ground
- Exposure
 - Low, due to the release method and the small amount of pheromone in a twist tie
- No adverse health effects expected



Twist Tie

- The US EPA and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) found it to be safe
- Registered to be used
 - In business and residential areas
 - Around all agricultural products
 - In parks and forests



Aerial Spray (in the coming summer)

- Four pheromone formulations are being tested for effectiveness
- Inert ingredients not known at this time
- DPR registration required before use



Reporting Pesticide Related Illness

- By a patient
- By a physician



Reporting by a Patient

- If you suspect you have illness related to any pesticide exposure
 - For emergency, call 911
 - Go to a doctor or hospital
 - Remind the doctor to report to the local health department
 - Keep note of physical presence in relation to application: contact, proximity, time period



Reporting by a Physician

- Statutory requirement:
 - Call the local health officer or fax a Pesticide Illness Report/Confidential Morbidity Report
 - Call the California Poison Control Center, which will report to the local health officer



Pesticide Related Illness

- Once a case is reported:
 - The county agricultural commissioner will be informed of it and is responsible to investigate it
 - 2 state departments will be informed
 - DPR
 - OEHHA



Physician Training, Illness Tracking

- OEHHA will conduct outreach and training to physicians regarding the health effects of pesticide formulations and requirements for reporting illnesses.
- OEHHA will lead the state effort to track and evaluate illness complaints relating to LBAM applications.



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